Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
01/27/2016	Special Enforcement Bureau	[ ]	[x]

Incident Information

URN: 914-15488-1335-329	Date: 08/18/2014 Time: 1130
City or Station: Bellflower	Nature of Incident: Suspect Walker was shot and killed by SEB long rifle during extended hostage/barricade situation.
Location: [redacted] Artesia Boulevard, #[redacted] Bellflower	

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Backyard
- [ ] Beach
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Freeway
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Park
- [ ] Parking Lot
- [x] Residence
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] School
- [ ] Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- [ ] Darkness
- [x] Daylight
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- [x] Clear
- [ ] Cloudy
- [ ] Fog
- [ ] Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Accidental
- [ ] Armed Person
- [ ] Fleeing Suspect
- [ ] Foot Pursuit
- [ ] Gun Take Away
- [ ] Moving Vehicle
- [ ] Sniper/Ambush
- [ ] Startle
- [ ] Struggle Involved
- [ ] Traffic Stop
- [ ] Unarmed Person
- [ ] Unintentional
- [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
- [ ] Warrant Service
- [ ] Warning Shot
- Other: Hostage/Barricade

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- [ ] Arrest Warrant
- [x] Call
- [ ] Observation
- [ ] One Person Unit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Search Warrant
- [ ] Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- [ ] Detective
- [ ] Inmate Transport
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 1

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? [x] Canine Unit? [x]

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Twedt	Garrick	J	[ ] EM [ ] PM [x] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Farrell	Daniel	S	[ ] EM [ ] PM [x] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	McNamara	Donald	M	[ ] EM [ ] PM [x] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]			M.I. [redacted]
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph: [redacted]	
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]			M.I. Unk
Street Address: Unknown	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]			M.I.
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph: [redacted]	Home Ph	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)	
[redacted]	Garrido	Joseph	R	[x] On Duty [x] Present during shooting	[x] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Oshea	Michael	A	[x] On Duty [x] Present during shooting	[ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Burt	Thomas	D

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Butao	Oscar	R

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SH # SH 2363209

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
08/18/2014	1230	02/02/2016	03/04/2015

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Watters	Dennis	M
[redacted]	Morris	Patrick	E
[redacted]	Carter	Quitman	V

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	UC						
E1	S1	FR	RM	30	Y	Y	DH	HE

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Lopez	First Name Carlos	M.I. E
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: SEB	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Blue Team
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☑ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs): 5.5	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 508	Weight: 175		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☑	Patrol Certification? ☑	Certification Unit: LNX	Prior Shootings? ☑ Number of Prior Shootings: 2 Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Remington	Caliber 308	# Shots 1	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Walker		First Name: Luther	M.I. L
AKA Last Name: Luther		First Name: Lathron	M.I. W
Sex: M Race: B	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 38 D.O.B. 04/13/1976	Height: 511 Weight: 210	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2014-05712	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Methamphetamine/Marijuana
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☑	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation: Yes	Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	Unk	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	Unk	Unknown			[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	Unk	Unknown			[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	Unk	Unknown			[redacted]

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Salazar	Edson	R	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	
Francois	Ervin	NMN	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	
Melgoza	Jessie	C	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	
Belville	Seth	A	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	
Pratt	Steven	R	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	
Sanchez	Richard	NMN	Operation Safe Streets		(213)680-6970	
Lavin	Peter	NMN	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	
Geisbauer	Anthony	W	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	
Roth	Grant	E	Special Enforcement Bureau		(323)881-7800	

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
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Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
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Last Name	First Name		M.I.
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Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2363209**
URN#:	**014-15488-1335-013**
DATE/TIME:	**August 18, 2014 at 0528 Hours**
LOCATION:	**[redacted] Artesia Boulevard, #[redacted], Bellflower, CA**

SYNOPSIS

On August 18, 2014, at 0528 Hours, Lakewood Station received a 911 call, which was transferred from the California Highway Patrol. Witness [redacted] told the California Highway Patrol dispatcher she was held hostage by a man with a gun. The dispatcher requested the address to the location, and Suspect Walker provided it from the background.

> IAB Note: **A compact disc containing the recorded call to the California Highway Patrol is included as [EXHIBIT A, audio file labeled 911 Call].**

Lakewood Station deputies responded and contained the location. Witness [redacted] yelled at Suspect Walker to allow her to leave the apartment. Deputies gave verbal commands for Witness [redacted] and Suspect Walker to exit the apartment, by using the public address system in the patrol car.

Lakewood Station desk personnel made repeated telephone calls to Witness [redacted], and spoke with both her and Suspect Walker. Witness [redacted] and Suspect Walker argued while the telephone line was open, and Suspect Walker alleged Witness [redacted] stabbed him in the back with an unknown object. Witness [redacted] told desk personnel Suspect Walker barricaded the front door with a refrigerator and sofa, and prevented her from leaving. She said Suspect Walker was not armed, to which Suspect Walker replied, "You don't know what I got." Witness [redacted] continued to insist Suspect Walker was unarmed. Suspect Walker later told desk personnel he was not armed. Suspect Walker refused multiple requests to exit the apartment, or allow Witness [redacted] to leave. Desk personnel relayed information to the field units via radio.

The Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) was notified regarding the ongoing hostage situation at approximately 0656 hours. They responded and assumed tactical control of the incident. A SEB Arrest Team was formed at the front of the location to take custody of Suspect Walker, should he choose to surrender. A Crisis Team was formed inside the adjacent apartment (Apartment #[redacted]) to rescue Witness [redacted] if an emergency occurred. A secondary rescue plan was formulated at the rear of the location, wherein ladders were positioned to rescue Witness [redacted] from the east, second story, window of the apartment. Team members at this containment position also planned to make a crisis entry via the rear window, if the entry by the primary Crisis Team was defeated by the barricade at the front door. Long Rifle Teams were positioned to cover the front door, the windows on the west side, and the rear window on the east side. SEB Deputy Lopez was assigned to Long Rifle Two, on the east side of the apartment.

A Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) responded and established sporadic telephonic communication with Suspect Walker. Suspect Walker was asked to come outside multiple times by both the negotiator, and the deputies at the front of the location. He did not comply with the ongoing requests to come outside, nor did he allow Witness [redacted] to leave. Suspect Walker's demeanor vacillated between calm and agitated. He stated he was prepared to die, and threatened to kill Witness [redacted].

At approximately 1127 hours, Suspect Walker disconnected his telephone call with the CNT for the final time. SEB Deputy Ervin Francois, who was assigned to the Arrest Team, engaged Suspect Walker in conversation at the front of the apartment, from his position at the northwest corner of the apartment building. He had periodic contact with Suspect Walker after he discontinued telephonic contact with the CNT negotiator.

Witness [redacted] went to the east window and moved the fabric and blinds covering the window, which had previously blocked the view into the apartment. She pushed against the screen, and Sergeant Garrido, who was a member of the Containment Three Team at the northeast corner of the building, asked her if she wanted to get out of the apartment. She said, "Yes," and he told her to remove the screen. She complied and looked toward the ground as if she contemplated jumping out of the window. Sergeant Garrido felt it was a good time to attempt a rescue, as Suspect Walker was in the front room, and was distracted by his conversation with Deputy Francois. Sergeant Garrido intended to use the ladders to evacuate Witness [redacted] from the location.

Moments later, Suspect Walker appeared to the right of Witness [redacted] Deputy Lopez saw Suspect Walker pulling Witness [redacted] back into the apartment. Deputy Lopez felt Witness [redacted] was desperate to escape the apartment based on her willingness to move the window coverings (placed by Suspect Walker), and her mannerism at the east window. Deputy Lopez heard what he believed to

be an assault inside the apartment minutes before Witness [redacted] appeared at the east window. He believed Suspect Walker's behavior was escalating. Deputy Lopez was aware the suspect was possibly armed, threatened to kill Witness [redacted], and stated his willingness to die. Believing Suspect Walker intended to seriously injure or kill Witness [redacted], Deputy Lopez fired one round from his Remington 700, .308 caliber rifle to incapacitate Suspect Walker. Suspect Walker and Witness [redacted] both fell back into the apartment. Deputy Lopez' spotter, Deputy Twedt, broadcast the shot had been fired by the Long Rifle team.

The Crisis Team discharged explosives to breach the front door. SEB Deputy Steve Pratt deployed diversionary light and sound devices at the rear. SEB Deputy Edson Salazar fired Arwen rounds at the front window to create a distraction, to support the entry team. The Crisis Team secured Witness [redacted], who was escorted from the apartment uninjured. Emergency Services Detail paramedics (Deputies Michael Wilber and Tracy River) provided medical aid to Suspect Walker, and pronounced him deceased at the scene.

Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher responded to conduct the criminal investigation. See copy of their completed investigation attached as **[EXHIBIT A]**. IAB Lieutenant Quitman Carter and Sergeants Dennis Watters and Patrick Morris responded to conduct an administrative investigation.

> **IAB Note: Lieutenant Carter ensured Deputy Lopez and other witness personnel were sequestered pending their interviews by Homicide.**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The results of the homicide investigation were submitted to the Justice System Integrity Division of the District Attorney's Office for review. On March 4, 2015, the District Attorney's Office concluded Deputy Lopez acted in lawful defense of another. See Letter of Opinion included as **[EXHIBIT B]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Deputy Carlos Lopez, #[redacted]

Work History

Date of Employment:	05/31/1995
Date Assigned to Special Enforcement Bureau:	10/25/2009
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	2
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted] 

Equipment Worn On Person

Special Enforcement Bureau uniform and tactical vest with radio, extra ammunition.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Luther Lathron Walker MB/38, DOB 04/13/1976, 5'11", 210lbs

A review of Suspect Walker's criminal history [redacted]

> **IAB Note:** **A copy of Suspect Walker's criminal history is included in [EXHIBIT A, pages 103-109].**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Walker sustained a fatal gunshot to his right temple.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Homicide Bureau Detectives Dan McElderry and Ken Perry conducted an investigation of the crime scene. See supplementary report documenting their investigation **[EXHIBIT A, pages 41-50].**

Crime Lab personnel assisted with the collection of evidence and photographed the scene. See documentation by Crime Lab **[EXHIBIT A, pages 67-71]**. The crime scene diagrams are included as **[EXHIBIT A, pages 74-77]**.

> **IAB Note:** **A copy of the photographs taken by the Crime Lab personnel are contained on a digital versatile disk contained within [EXHIBIT A].**

TELEPHONE CALLS

Witness [redacted] contacted the California Highway Patrol via 911 at 0528 hours. She said she was being held hostage by a man with a gun. See **[EXHIBIT A, audio file labeled 911 Call]**.

California Highway Patrol dispatch referred the call to Lakewood Sheriff's Station at 0529 hours. See **[EXHIBIT A, audio file labeled CHP 911 transfer BLF 417BH 081814]**.

Witness [redacted] was contacted, via telephone, at 0558 hours by Lakewood Station desk personnel. See **[EXHIBIT A, audio file labeled BLF417BH Victim and Suspect 081814].** Witness [redacted] said she was trying to exit the apartment, but Suspect Walker prevented her from leaving. She said Suspect Walker did not have any weapons, and he replied, "You don't know what I got." Both Witness [redacted] and Suspect Walker yelled and argued through three calls, each of which were disconnected within a short time. Contact with Suspect Walker was acquired via a telephone call transferred by the California Highway Patrol. Suspect Walker sporadically communicated with the desk, but left the telephone line open. Witness [redacted] continuously yelled at Suspect Walker to let her out of the apartment. The desk officer asked Suspect Walker to allow Witness [redacted] to leave. He said he would comply, but then said he was not sure if it was actually the police outside. He did not allow her to leave.

Suspect Walker said Witness [redacted] stabbed him, and that he was not armed. Lakewood Station desk personnel asked him to step outside the apartment multiple times, and told him paramedics would be available to treat any injuries. Suspect Walker said a number of times he intended to go outside. He expressed concern about the deputies pointing firearms at him. The desk officer attempted to reassure him he would be safe, and convince him to step outside, to no avail.

Suspect Walker called the California Highway Patrol via 911, while Witness [redacted] spoke with Lakewood Station desk personnel. This call was transferred to Lakewood Sheriff's Station at 0610 hours. See **[EXHIBIT A, audio file labeled Export_2014-08-18]**. The transferred call is on the audio file labeled **[EXHIBIT A, audio file labeled BLF417BH Victim and Suspect 081814]** beginning at 13:30.

Witness [redacted] was contacted by Lakewood Station desk personnel, via telephone, at 0634 hours. See **[Exhibit A, audio file labeled BLF417BH Victim 081814]**. Witness [redacted] stated she wanted to leave the apartment, but was prevented by Suspect Walker. He did not assault her, but he barricaded the door with the refrigerator and furniture. Witness [redacted] said Suspect Walker appeared to be under the influence of narcotics, and was mentally ill. She said he did not possess a firearm.

Suspect Walker yelled in the background, and argued with Witness [redacted]. Deputies on scene asked Suspect Walker to exit the residence. Suspect Walker repeatedly told deputies he intended to exit the apartment, and said he did not have a gun. Witness [redacted] confirmed Suspect Walker did not open the door. Witness [redacted] said her cellular telephone battery was nearly expended just

before she answered an incoming call from her sister. She did not return to the telephone line with Lakewood Station desk personnel.

Suspect Walker was contacted, via telephone, by Crisis Negotiation Team member Detective Richard Sanchez. See supplemental report by Sergeant Harry Drucker **[EXHIBIT A, pages 20-21]** and Crisis Negotiation Team log **[EXHIBIT A, pages 22-23]**. The initial contact took place prior to the arrival of the recording equipment. The conversation between Detective Sanchez and Suspect Walker was audio recorded after the Crisis Negotiation Team van arrived. A copy of the audio is contained within **[EXHIBIT A, audio files labeled 802_0038 and 802_0039]**.

Detective Sanchez had sporadic contact with Suspect Walker. Suspect Walker left the telephone line open while he argued with Witness [redacted]. Detective Sanchez requested Suspect Walker come outside, or allow Witness [redacted] to leave the apartment, numerous times during their conversations. Suspect Walker refused to move the items, which barricaded the door, and said he was prepared to die. Suspect Walker stated, "Man I'm not moving shit, we both going down up in this bitch," at approximately 57:40 **[EXHIBIT A, audio labeled 802_0039]**. Suspect Walker spoke of a firearm at approximately 28:40 **[EXHIBIT A, audio file labeled 802_0039].** Suspect Walker disconnected the line prior to the gunshot.

RADIO TRAFFIC

A copy of radio traffic on Dispatch 14 and L-Tac was obtained from the Sheriff's Communication Center and included as **[EXHIBIT C]**.

Responding Lakewood Station units utilized the radio to coordinate containment positions and routes to the location. An Aero Bureau Unit was requested, but was unavailable. Personnel continued to communicate tactical considerations and plans after their arrival. Attempts to contact the occupants via announcements and telephone calls were broadcast. Witness [redacted] statement that Suspect Walker was unarmed, and Suspect Walker's response, which implied he was armed, was broadcast by the desk after a connection was established.

> **IAB Note: There was no recording available for the tactical frequency used by Special Enforcement Bureau.**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY LOPEZ

Remington, bolt action, 308 caliber rifle, Model 700 T-51, with Leopold scope.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]



WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT WALKER

None

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT WALKER

None

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

Daylight and clear.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed any reports authored by the involved deputies and determined they were consistent with their IAB Administrative Force Review interviews.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE

Deputy Carlos Lopez was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on April 8, 2014. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 63-64]**.

Deputy Lopez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Anthony Easter on January 27, 2016. Following is a brief summary of his statements from both interviews.

Deputy Lopez was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau Blue Team. He responded to a hostage rescue call-out. Deputy Lopez was initially assigned as the Breacher for the Crisis Team, but was later reassigned to cover the rear (East) window of the location with a long rifle.

> **IAB Note: A Breacher is responsible for the explosive charge used to gain entry into a location.**

Deputy Lopez said it was his responsibility to determine the best position to accomplish his mission. He was initially positioned in the turret of an armored vehicle, but determined the second floor apartment in the motel, directly east of the incident location, afforded him a better vantage point.

Suspect Walker held Witness [redacted] in a second story apartment and barricaded the front door. Deputy Lopez was informed, via radio, that Suspect Walker was armed, threatened to "smoke" Witness [redacted] and expressed that he expected to

die. Within minutes, prior to the shooting, Deputy Lopez heard Suspect Walker yell, "You set me up," at Witness [redacted]. He also heard smacking sounds which, indicated an assault occurred.

Deputy Lopez saw Witness [redacted] move the blinds and fabric away from the rear window, and then remove the screen. She leaned out the window and communicated with Sheriff's Department personnel at the northeast corner of the building. Deputy Lopez felt this was a desperate action by Witness [redacted], as Suspect Walker covered the windows in an apparent attempt to prevent visual access into the apartment. Deputy Lopez believed Witness [redacted] wanted to escape the apartment.

Suspect Walker appeared to the right of Witness [redacted], and began to pull her back into the apartment. Deputy Lopez feared the situation was escalating, and Suspect Walker would kill or seriously injure Witness [redacted]. He also feared deputies assigned to the Crisis Team would be forced to enter the apartment to save Witness [redacted]. Deputy Lopez said the team would be at a disadvantage, because their entry would be delayed by the barricaded front door. Deputy Lopez expressed concern that team members would be injured during any rescue attempt.

Deputy Lopez had a clear shot at Suspect Walker, who was to the right of Witness [redacted]. Deputy Lopez was confident there were no backdrop or crossfire concerns. Deputy Lopez fired one round from his Remington 700, .308 caliber rifle to incapacitate Suspect Walker. Deputy Twedt, the Spotter for Deputy Lopez, broadcast the shot was fired over the radio. Deputies at the rear of the apartment deployed diversionary light and sound devices, while the Crisis Team at the front of the apartment breached the door to rescue Witness [redacted].

> **IAB Note: Deputy Lopez was shown photographs of the scene during his interview with Internal Affairs Bureau [EXHIBIT D]. Deputy Lopez marked one photograph to indicate his position in the armored response vehicle, prior to moving to the motel. See photograph included as [EXHIBIT E].**

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Deputy Garrick Twedt was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeant Dennis Watters was present for this interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 61-62]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy Twedt was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau Tan Team. He received a hostage rescue call-out and responded to the command post. Deputy Twedt was initially assigned to the Arrest Team.

Deputy Twedt ordered Suspect Walker to give up and come down with his hands up, after Suspect Walker disconnected the line with the CNT. He believed Suspect Walker heard his commands, as Suspect Walker replied that he was not going to exit, and said "You're gonna have to kill me."

Deputy Twedt was replaced on the Arrest Team by Deputy Francois. Deputy Twedt was redeployed as support for Deputy Lopez, who was assigned a Long Rifle position in the motel, approximately fifty yards to the east of the apartment's rear window.

Deputy Twedt said their view through the east window of the apartment was initially obstructed by blinds and some type of fabric. He heard yelling inside the apartment, and saw Witness [redacted] rip the fabric down. She bunched the blinds together to the side, and possibly tied the blinds with the fabric. This allowed a clear view through the window. Witness [redacted] left the window for a moment, and then returned and spoke to personnel responsible for containment at the rear of the location. Deputy Twedt believed she requested they rescue her, because she was leaning out of the window. She appeared to be desperate enough to jump.

Suspect Walker appeared at the east window, against Witness [redacted] right shoulder. Deputy Twedt believed he intended to pull her back into the apartment, or push her out the window. Deputy Twedt was unable to clearly see Suspect Walker's hands due to the distance. He did not have any magnification device available. Suspect Walker was at the window for a short time before Deputy Lopez fired one shot from his rifle. Deputy Twedt broadcast, via his radio, the shot was fired, and the Crisis Team rescued Witness [redacted].

Sergeant Joseph Garrido was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Patrick Morris were present for the interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 57-58]**. Following is a brief summary.

Sergeant Garrido was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau Gold Team, which was assigned to handle the incident. He described the call-out as a hostage rescue, boyfriend/girlfriend disturbance, in which a male armed with a firearm was holding a female hostage.

Sergeant Garrido said, as Special Enforcement Bureau personnel arrived, they replaced patrol personnel on containment positions. A Crisis Team was placed in the apartment to the north of the target location, to be available in the event an immediate rescue was required. An Arrest Team was positioned to the northeast to take custody of Suspect Walker, should he decide to exit the apartment and surrender. Suspect Walker barricaded the front door with a refrigerator and sofa.

An alternate plan was formed to enter the apartment through the rear (east), second story window via ladders, if the primary Crisis Team was not able to gain entry through the front door. Long Rifle teams deployed to both the front and rear of the location. He explained the Long Rifle teams were standard for a hostage rescue.

From his position at the north side of the building, Sergeant Garrido heard Suspect Walker yelling, and was agitated. Suspect Walker refused to let Witness [redacted] leave, and said deputies were going to have to come up and get him.

Prior to the shooting, Sergeant Garrido saw Witness [redacted] at the rear window. He asked if she was okay, and she replied, "Yes." Sergeant Garrido asked her to remove the screen and she complied. He asked, "Do you want to come out?" and she said, "Yes." Sergeant Garrido knew Suspect Walker was at the front of the apartment speaking with Deputy Francois, and felt it was a good time to attempt a rescue. He believed Witness [redacted] considered jumping from the window based on her posture. As this occurred, Suspect Walker appeared to Witness [redacted] right (south). Suspect Walker looked at Sergeant Garrido, and appeared angry that Witness [redacted] spoke to him. Witness [redacted] body moved to the rear in a manner that suggested Suspect Walker pulled her away. Sergeant Garrido heard one gunshot, which was followed by radio traffic that indicated the shot was fired by Long Rifle Two.

The Crisis Team detonated explosives at the front door. Diversionary light and sound devices were deployed at the rear of the location. Ladders were moved to the rear window to prepare to execute the alternate plan if necessary. The Crisis Team announced the hostage was secure via the radio.

Deputy Daniel Farrell was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeant Dennis Watters was present for this interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 59-60]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy Farrell responded to a hostage rescue call-out with the Special Enforcement Bureau Gold Team. Deputy Farrell was positioned on the north side of the building. He was designated to move a ladder to the rear (east) window of the second story apartment if a Crisis Team entry became necessary.

Deputy Farrell saw Witness [redacted] push the screen out of the rear window. Sergeant Garrido asked if she wanted out of the apartment, and she replied she did. Deputy Farrell heard a gunshot, which he learned was from the Long Rifle, via a radio broadcast. He moved the ladder to the window in case it was necessary to extract Witness [redacted] or support the Crisis Team. The Crisis Team rescued Witness [redacted].

Deputy Donald McNamara was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeant Dennis Watters was present for this interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 60-61]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy McNamara was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau and responded to a hostage rescue call-out. Deputy McNamara was assigned to Containment Three team, which was responsible for containment of the east side of the building. He was advised Suspect Walker was armed with an unknown firearm. He heard Suspect Walker communicate with personnel at Containment One, and was aware Suspect Walker communicated with the CNT due to radio broadcasts. He was not able to hear what Suspect Walker said, but he sounded agitated.

Deputy Seth Belville advised him there was movement in the east window of the location. He took a position to the north of the building, just west of Deputy Belville. Deputy McNamara had a sharp angle view of the second floor window. Deputy McNamara saw the screen pushed out, and then saw Witness [redacted] at the window. Sergeant Garrido asked her if she wanted to get out, and she replied "Yes." Deputy McNamara said the female appeared as if she was prepared to exit the window without assistance.

Suspect Walker appeared slightly behind and south of Witness [redacted] They were close together and moved in unison. Deputy McNamara was not able to see Suspect Walker's hands, but believed Suspect Walker prevented Witness [redacted] from exiting the window based on their movements.

Deputy McNamara heard a single gunshot, and was advised, via radio, the Long Rifle fired the shot. The Crisis Entry Team made entry and secured the hostage.

Deputy Edson Salazar was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Patrick Morris were present for this interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 56-57]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy Salazar was assigned to Special Enforcement Bureau. He responded to a hostage rescue call-out, and was initially assigned to assist with the evacuation of nearby apartments. After this duty was completed, he was assigned to the Containment One team, which was responsible for the west side of the building. This team was positioned twenty to twenty-five yards from Suspect Walker's apartment, using the building to the west as cover. The team later moved to a position ten to twelve yards from the apartment after an armored vehicle was positioned in the driveway to use as cover.

Suspect Walker was intermittently on the telephone with the Crisis Negotiation Team. When he was not on the telephone, Deputy Francois asked him to reconnect with crisis negotiators, and to release the hostage and end the situation peacefully. Suspect Walker was very agitated and aggressive with Witness [redacted]. Suspect Walker said he had a gun and a lot of weapons. He said he barricaded the door to the apartment with furniture. Suspect Walker told deputies they were going to have to go inside the apartment and get him, and that he was going to die today.

Deputy Salazar heard a smacking or slapping sound three to five times, and believed Suspect Walker assaulted Witness [redacted]. Suspect Walker was at the front of the apartment for a moment and then disappeared. He heard, via radio, that Witness [redacted] was at the rear window. Deputy Salazar heard one gunshot a short time later, followed by an announcement the Long Rifle fired a shot.

The Crisis Team used explosives to breach the door, and secured Witness [redacted]. Deputy Salazar used Lakewood Station's Arwen to fire approximately four .37mm rubber projectiles through the front window as a distraction, while the Crisis Team made entry into the apartment. Deputy Salazar said some of the projectiles did not fire properly, so he was not certain about the number of projectiles that were actually fired. The Arwen was returned to Lakewood Station after the incident. He did not know the reason for the malfunction.

Deputy Ervin Francois was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Patrick Morris were present for the interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 55-56]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy Francois was assigned to Special Enforcement Bureau, and responded to a hostage rescue call-out. He was assigned to the Arrest Team, which was staged on the west side of the apartment.

Deputy Francois was asked to communicate with Suspect Walker after he discontinued speaking to the CNT. He communicated with Suspect Walker on and off for approximately two hours by yelling through the window to the apartment.

Deputy Francois told Suspect Walker to exit the apartment with his hands up, and allow Witness [redacted] to leave. Deputy Francois told Suspect Walker that deputies wished to end the situation peacefully. Suspect Walker said they would have to come in and get him, and that he was going to die today. Suspect Walker also told Deputy Francois he had no problem killing Witness [redacted]. Deputy Francois heard Suspect Walker had a firearm over the radio as he responded to the call-out. Suspect Walker told Deputy Francois he had plenty of weapons inside the apartment, but he did not specify the type of weapons.

Suspect Walker placed a blanket over the window approximately fifteen minutes prior to the shot being fired. This blanket obscured vision into the apartment. Deputy Francois heard, via radio, that Suspect Walker had also covered the east window.

Suspect Walker yelled, "This is Grape Street," out the front window, and then yelled, "Bitch, you set me up. You're the one who called the police on me," at Witness [redacted]. Deputy Francois heard what sounded like Suspect Walker slapping Witness White. Suspect Walker and Witness [redacted] both appeared to go to the east side of the apartment. Deputy Francois heard Witness [redacted] was pushing out the screen over the radio, and heard a gunshot moments later. The gunshot was followed by radio traffic from the Long Rifle Team, which advised they fired the shot. Afterward, the front door was breached by the Crisis Team.

Deputy Jesse Melgoza was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Patrick Morris were present for the interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 58-59]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy Melgoza was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau. He received a call-out regarding a hostage rescue, and responded to the command post. Deputy Melgoza was responsible for obtaining intelligence for his team, and contacted Lakewood Sergeant Edward McDonald. He was told Lakewood Station received a call, which indicated a male armed with a firearm was holding a female hostage. Lakewood Station contained the location and attempted to contact the male without success.

Deputy Melgoza assisted with the deployment of equipment, and heard a portion of the conversation between Suspect [redacted] and the crisis negotiators, while at the command post. Suspect Walker and Witness [redacted] argued. Suspect Walker said, "You set me up, bitch," and "You're not gonna leave." Suspect Walker said he barricaded the door with a refrigerator and sofa. Suspect Walker refused requests to exit the location, said he was going to, "Smoke this bitch," and that he intended to die.

Deputy Melgoza was redeployed to the Containment Three Team prior to the end of the incident. He heard Long Rifle Team Two announce Witness [redacted] was at the east window of the apartment. Sergeant Garrido asked her if she wanted to get out, and she replied, "Yes." Deputy Melgoza saw the screen pushed out, and heard the gunshot from the Long Rifle Team a second or two later.

The Crisis Team used explosives to breach the door. Deputy Pratt threw diversionary light and sound devices in the east parking lot to create an additional distraction, while Deputy Melgoza moved a ladder to the east window

to make entry if the team at the front door was defeated by the barricade. The Crisis Team completed the entry, and rescued Witness [redacted]

Deputy Seth Belville was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeant Dennis Watters was present for the interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 60]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy Belville was assigned to Special Enforcement Bureau. He received a call-out regarding a hostage rescue, wherein a male armed with a firearm was holding his [redacted] hostage in an apartment. Deputy Belville was assigned to a team responsible to contain the rear (east side) of the location. Deputies Belville and McNamara took turns covering the rear window.

Deputy Belville heard the male yelling, but was not able to understand what he said. He heard radio traffic, which indicated Suspect Walker barricaded the front door, and intended to kill Witness [redacted]

Deputy Belville covered the rear window when Witness [redacted] removed the screen. Witness [redacted] told Sergeant Garrido she wanted to leave the apartment. The team had a ladder available, and planned to use it to extract her. Deputy Belville saw Witness [redacted] look down, as if she considered jumping out of the window. Suspect Walker appeared to the right of Witness [redacted] and looked directly at Deputy Belville. Deputy Belville saw Suspect Walker and Witness [redacted] move, but he was not able to see what was occurring due to the sharp viewing angle from his position. He believed Witness [redacted] was struggling to get out, and Suspect Walker was pulling her back.

Deputy Belville heard a gunshot, followed by radio traffic from the Long Rifle Team. The Crisis Team made entry into the apartment and secured Witness [redacted]

Deputy Steven Pratt was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeant Dennis Watters was present for the interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 62-63]**. Following is a brief summary.

Deputy Pratt was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau and received a hostage rescue call-out. He was assigned to contain the rear of the location, and took a position behind a mailbox at the northeast corner. Deputy Pratt heard yelling and arguing inside the location. Suspect Walker told Witness [redacted] "You set me up." Deputy Pratt was advised, via radio, that Suspect Walker said he was going to "smoke" Witness [redacted] that he was not coming out, and he was prepared to die.

Deputy Pratt saw Witness [redacted] push against the screen at the rear window. Sergeant Garrido asked her if she wanted to come out, and she replied, "Yes." Witness [redacted] removed the screen from the window and looked down as if judging the distance to jump. Deputy Pratt said they had ladders at the rear of the apartment to rescue the Witness, or to make entry to the location if the situation dictated.

Suspect Walker appeared at the east window, to the right of Witness [redacted]. Deputy Pratt could not see his hands, but saw Witness [redacted] torso start to twist. He believed Suspect Walker was pulling her back into the apartment based on her movement. He heard a gunshot from the Long Rifle Team, and both Suspect Walker and Witness [redacted] fell from view. Deputy Pratt deployed diversionary light and sound device at the rear of the apartment in support of the Crisis Team's entry into the location.

Deputy Richard Sanchez was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 26, 2014. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, page 66]**. Following is a summary.

Detective Sanchez was assigned to the Crisis Negotiation Team. Detective Sanchez spoke with Suspect Walker via telephone. Suspect Walker said he barricaded the door with the refrigerator, television, and sofa. He vacillated regarding whether or not he intended to allow Witness [redacted] to leave the apartment. Suspect Walker threatened to kill Witness [redacted] and made statements regarding his own death. Suspect Walker said he needed to charge his telephone for thirty minutes, and disconnected the call prior to the shooting.

> **IAB Note:** **The audio recordings of the conversation between Detective Sanchez and Suspect Walker are contained within [EXHIBIT A, audio files labeled 802_0038 and 802_0039]**.

Deputy Peter Lavin was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Dennis Watters on January 27, 2016. Following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Lavin was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau, and responded to a hostage rescue call-out. Deputy Lavin was advised a male with a gun was holding a female hostage inside the apartment. As the incident progressed, he learned Suspect Walker barricaded the door, threatened to kill Witness [redacted], and refused to surrender peacefully.

Deputy Lavin was the Gold Team Scout and responsible for creating a tactical plan. Deputy Lavin placed a Crisis Team in the apartment to the north of the target apartment to prepare for an immediate rescue if the situation dictated. He placed an Arrest Team at the northeast corner of the apartment building to the

west to take custody of Suspect Walker, should he decide to surrender. Long Rifles were positioned to the front (west) and rear (east) of the location to provide intelligence. Deputy Lopez was identified as Long Rifle Two. He was initially placed to the rear of the apartment, in the turret of an armored vehicle, parked on the street. His view of the window from this position was on approximately a forty-five degree angle. He was repositioned to the second story of the motel, to the east of the apartment, where he had a direct view of the rear window.

Deputy Lavin said all uninvolved civilians were evacuated from the area. Personnel were updated regarding the incident, and evolving plans, via radio, as the incident progressed.

Deputy Lavin was at the north side of the apartment building with personnel assigned to Containment Three. Witness [redacted] came to the rear window and told Sergeant Garrido she wanted to exit the apartment. Sergeant Garrido told her to take the screen out, and they would come get her. Deputy Lavin said they had ladders ready to evacuate Witness [redacted]

Deputy Lavin heard a gunshot, and the Crisis Team made entry into the apartment. Personnel at his position moved the ladders to the rear window in preparation to make entry into the apartment if the Crisis Team failed to defeat the barricade. The Crisis Team entry was successful.

> **IAB Note: For reference purpose only, Deputies Lavin, Geisbauer, and Roth were shown photographs of the scene during their interviews with Internal Affairs investigators [EXHIBIT D].**

Deputy Anthony Geisbauer was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Dennis Watters on January 27, 2016. Following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Geisbauer was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau. He responded to a hostage rescue call-out, in which a male with a gun held a female hostage. Deputy Geisbauer was the Back-Up Scout for the Gold Team, which was the duty team for the incident. He later learned Suspect Walker barricaded the door, threatened to kill Witness [redacted], and did not intend to surrender. Deputy Geisbauer was not sure if he heard this information broadcast via radio.

Deputy Geisbauer assisted with tactical planning for the incident. They contained the location, evacuated any uninvolved civilians, and formed crisis and arrest teams. The Crisis Team was positioned in the apartment to the north of the target location, and prepared to rescue the hostage if the situation dictated. The Arrest Team was assigned to take Suspect Walker into custody if he chose to surrender. Requests for Suspect Walker to surrender were made repeatedly throughout the incident. Deputy Geisbauer said Long Rifle Teams were positioned to the west (front) and east (rear) of the location. Their mission was to

gather intelligence and protect the hostage. The various teams communicated their plans, via radio, as the incident progressed.

Deputy Geisbauer was at the north side of the apartment building with Containment Three personnel at the time of the shooting. Shortly before the shooting, Witness [redacted] came to the rear window of the apartment, and Sergeant Garrido asked if she wanted to exit the apartment. Witness [redacted] said she did wish to exit. Sergeant Garrido told her to remove the screen, so they could use a ladder to get her out.

Deputy Geisbauer did not have a clear view, but saw the screen move. He did not remember if the screen was fully removed from the window. He was not looking at the window when the shot was fired.

Deputy Grant Roth was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Anthony Easter on January 27, 2016. Following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Roth was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau, and responded to a hostage rescue call-out. Deputy Roth assisted Deputy Lopez while he (Deputy Lopez) was positioned with the long rifle in the turret of the armored response vehicle. This vehicle was parked on Artesia Boulevard, just north of the motel, which Deputy Lopez later repositioned. Deputy Twedt assumed the spotter responsibilities when Deputy Lopez moved his position to the motel. Deputy Roth was reassigned to a containment position on the north side of the target location.

Deputy Roth heard the female yell, but did not remember hearing the male. He was advised the situation involved a male with a firearm holding his girlfriend hostage, and the suspect said he was going to kill the hostage. Command post personnel provided updates regarding dialogue between the Crisis Negotiator and Suspect Walker. The updates also included information regarding Suspect Walker's criminal history, which Deputy Roth believed included a conviction for murder.

Witness [redacted] came to the rear window, and spoke to someone at a containment position. Deputy Roth was not able to remember what she said. He was preparing to take the ladder to the window at the rear of the location to rescue Witness [redacted] when Deputy Lopez fired the shot. Deputy Roth did not see Witness [redacted].

CIVILIAN WITNESSES

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Special Enforcement Bureau Sergeant Joseph Garrido on August 18, 2014, after she was escorted from the apartment. See video of the interview **[EXHIBIT A, labeled Post Rescue Interview with Victim]**.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Operation Safe Streets Bureau Detective Esteban Soliz on August 18, 2014, prior to her interview with Homicide Investigators. This interview was summarized by Detective Soliz, see **[EXHIBIT A, pages 28-30]**. Detective Soliz authored a search warrant for the location prior to the entry by Special Enforcement Bureau, see **[EXHIBIT A, pages 31-40]**.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014. IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Patrick Morris, Deputy District Attorney Oscar Plascencia, and District Attorney Investigator Regina Crenshaw were present for the interview. This interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 53-55]**. Following is a brief summary which encompasses all three interviews.

Witness [redacted] and Suspect Walker have a child in common. Suspect Walker arrived at her apartment and said someone was following him. She tried to convince him to go lie down, but he refused. Suspect Walker placed the refrigerator and other furniture against the apartment's front door.

Witness [redacted] dialed 911. She told the operator she was being held hostage and Suspect Walker had a gun. She intended to hang up before the operator was able to hear her statement. She made the call in an attempt to convince Suspect Walker to calm down and go to bed.

Witness [redacted] said she was not able to exit the apartment, due to the items placed in front of the door. Suspect Walker refused to move the items, or allow her to leave. Witness [redacted] said she had no physical confrontation with Suspect Walker. She told Department personnel, via telephone, she was not in fear, and there were no weapons in the house, during the ensuing standoff.

Witness [redacted] looked out the rear window, and then removed the screen at the request of Special Enforcement Bureau personnel. Suspect Walker appeared to her right, hugged her, and kissed her on the jaw. She heard the gunshot and saw Suspect Walker go forward. She heard additional loud noises and laid on the floor with her eyes shut, screaming, until she was escorted from the apartment.

IAB Note: **In the interview immediately after she was rescued, Witness [redacted] told Sergeant Garrido she looked out the window to judge the distance to the ground, and intended to exit the apartment via the rear window. She denied this during her interview with Homicide Investigators.**

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 18, 2014, at the command post. The interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 52-53]**. Following is a brief summary.

Witness [redacted] was the [redacted] of Suspect Walker. She learned about the incident, via a telephone call, from Witness [redacted]. Witness [redacted] did not witness the shooting.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 19, 2014. The interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, page 64]**.

Witness [redacted] was the [redacted] of Taxco, the business to the east of the incident location. He was contacted by Homicide Detectives to determine if surveillance video footage was available. There was no surveillance footage available from this location.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 19, 2014. The interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, page 64]**.

Witness [redacted] was the [redacted] of the incident location. He was contacted by Homicide Detectives to determine if surveillance video footage was available. There was no surveillance video footage of the incident.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen [redacted] on August 20, 2014. The interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 64-65]**. Following is a brief summary.

Witness [redacted] was the [redacted] of Witness [redacted]. She said Witness [redacted] and Suspect Walker had a great relationship, and she was not aware that Suspect Walker was a violent man.

Witness [redacted] learned of the incident when Witness [redacted] called and asked her to come to the location, because someone was after Suspect Walker. The police surrounded the apartment prior to her arrival. Witness [redacted] spoke to Witness [redacted] on the cellular telephone, and gave her telephone to deputies upon their request. She was inside Denny's restaurant, near the command post (17230 Lakewood Boulevard, Bellflower) at the time of the shooting.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 25, 2014. The interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, page 65-66]**. Following is a brief summary.

Witness [redacted] was Suspect Walker's [redacted] She learned the incident was in progress, via telephone. She spoke with Suspect Walker, via telephone, and told him to exit the apartment. Suspect Walker told Witness [redacted] he was tired of receiving telephone calls. Witness [redacted] was outside the crime scene tape when she heard the gunshot and subsequent explosive charge. She did not see the shooting.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Phillip Guzman and Kathleen Gallagher on August 25, 2014. The interview was summarized in the Homicide investigation book **[EXHIBIT A, page 66]**. Following is a brief summary.

Witness [redacted] was Suspect Walker's [redacted] She spoke with Suspect Walker, via telephone, at approximately 0900 hours. He denied that he was barricaded in his apartment, or holding a hostage. Suspect Walker also denied he possessed a firearm. Witness [redacted] was not present at the time of the shooting.